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Tender

Dartford Grammar School For Boys ~ Catering Tender

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Scope

Description

Dartford Grammar School was founded in 1576 and is one of the oldest schools in England. For nearly 450 years, Dartford Grammar School has enabled young people from Dartford and its surrounding area to achieve great things. Judged outstanding in every Ofsted inspection, and The Sunday Times State School of the Year in the South East (24/2025), Dartford Grammar School provides a broad, balanced international education, following the principles of the International Baccalaureate both in Key Stage 3 and the Sixth Form.

The tender project is seeking to appoint a Contractor whose initiative and innovation will be welcomed for the provision of service within the existing facilities for the 1544 students on roll and 164 teaching and support staff, with a focus on exciting new food concepts to satisfy a wide range of pupil tastes and dietary requirements. The School would wish the successful contractor to review the current range of services offered and make recommendations accordingly.

The contract being tendered is for three years in duration from 01/09/2026 to 31/08/2029 and will operate as a Guaranteed Performance Contract, with the successful Contractor offering the School a guaranteed return / cost per annum for the provision of catering services. Sovereignty of the cash tariff is to remain with Dartford Grammar School for the duration of this contract.

The School year is based on a calendar of 195 days. Between Five to Seven days are to be used for staff professional development which means that School will be open to receive students for a minimum of 187/190 days.

The contract offered covers the scope for the provision of all catering services within the School, which currently includes morning break, lunch, all hospitality and free issue requirements. Free School meals and hospitality will be charged based on consumption and at net food cost.

Whilst the School prioritises value for money as a key objective of the Competitive Tender Process, the Governing body is not obliged to accept the lowest price.

Please see PSQ Document for more information

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Dartford:-School-catering-services./G2SGGWZ497>

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Total value (estimated)

- £3,230,110 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Please be advised that this contract will be let on a 3 + 2 years basis

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKJ4 - Kent

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

2 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

6 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/G2SGGWZ497>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

4 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Criterion 1	Quality	70%
Criterion 2	Price	30%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Please see PSQ Timetable for details for process on this tender

Contracting authority

Dartford Grammar School For Boys

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWJL-3658-HDLX

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKJ43 - Kent Thames Gateway

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government